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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT PRISONERS IN CORDOBA PENITENTIARY

REF: STATE 040427

ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL AMB CONTACTED MININTERIOR  
HARGUINDEGUY WHO REPLIED TO INFO REQUESTED AS  
FOLLOWS:

1. IT IS "RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD" THAT ANY  
PRISONER SERVING UNDER PEN OR REGULAR JUDICIAL  
SYSTEM WOULD EVER BE EXECUTED. HE STRESSED  
ARGENTINA NOW A "A FULLY CIVILIZED COUNTRY" AND  
THAT EXECUTIONS "WENT OUT WITH THE DAYS OF THE  
INDIANS".

2. HARGUINDEGUY CONFIRMED HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR  
WITH CASES MENTIONED IN REFTEL BUT WOULD CHECK  
THEM OUT AND INFORM AMB.

3. HARGUINDEGUY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT ALL  
PRISON HELP HAD BEEN FULLY INSTRUCTED THAT NO  
PERSON SHOULD BE ABUSED, HARASSED AND MUCH LESS  
TORTURED. THAT ALL PRISONS ARE BEING CAREFULLY  
MONITORED.

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